EVENING & LEDGER

FIRE UNDERWRITERS URGE NEED OF MORE HOSE TESTS HERE

Say 40 Per Cent. of Equipment Is Old and Should Be Replaced-Raps Political Domination of Camden Department.

Frequent bursting of hose at fires in this city is due to lack of proper tests by the Fire Department, according to s report just made by the National Board. of Fire Underwriters, which recently conducted an investigation of the hose supply here. Forty per cent. of the hose, the board points out, is more than five years old and should be replaced.

Results of the investigation indicate that while the supply of hose in the dertment is generally sufficient to provide proper shifts, it will be necessary for the department to purchase at least 18,000 to 20,000 feet annually to replace discarded sections. The board urges that systematic tests be made of the older bose in use and arrangements made fo that which is found defective.

The board's engineers have just finished an investigation of fire-fighting facilities in Camden, N. J. In discussing the conflagration hazard there, its report says:
"The weak structural conditions, combined with the narrow streets, numerous overhead wire obstructions and inade-quate fire-fighting facilities, would norcreate a severe conflagration hazard; however, as congestion is lack-ing, private protection is provided where needed and powerful outside aid is milting conflagration hazard as a whole s low. Owing to weak construction and somewhat inadequate fire-fighting facil-ities severe individual and group fires are rebable. The hazard in the residential

The board calls attention to the practice Camden politicians dominating ap-intments and promotions in the department. This system it condemns. It points out also that there is lack of proper training among the fire crews and that the engines are not well cared for. The fire alarm system is in poor shape, according to the board's report and the building inspections being made n Camden are of little value. Report of the board on Camden's

ater supply, fire department and fire n system follows:
near Supply-Pumping equipment not
allent, even considering small reserve
lon. Force mains adequate. Standpine
silight value, Consumption moderately
by Pressures low. Main arteries and
dary feeders of good size and well arresel in most sections. Minor distribugenerally well gridironed; considerable
by apparently in poor condition intery. Gate valves generally well spaced
in good condition. Hydrants fairly
apaced, mainly of satisfactory size
in good condition.

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Total engine capacity slightly inade engines not well cared for and
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poorly trained. Apparatus, except
ider trucks, in good condition. Minor
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stream deficient. A good supply of
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lacking. Free methods fair, Buifding cultum of little value. Free methods fair, Buifding cultum of little value. The Alarm System.—Under supervision he electrical lureau. Automatic systems of the system of the sy

National Board of Fire Underwriters har been making similar invesan effort to cut down fire losses.

ASQUITH SCORNS GERMAN VIEWS CONCERNING ENGLAND

Kaiser Miscalculated Home Economic

Conditions and Colonies' Loyalty. LONDON, Sept. 19. One of the roots of the present war was grave and serious miscalculation regarding the British Empire that German liture and German spirit led Emperor William and the German people into, said Premier Asquith, in addressing a recruit-

eeting at Edinburgh, Scotland, last The Germans were led into the mra he said, "that the British donles wanted to cut connections with the mother country and that India was in revolt. What a fantastic dream and

What a rude awakening!" exclaimed the It has been proved that Germany by her own deliberate act made the war." Mr. Asquith continued, adding that Ger-

has made no attempt to control is to the interest not only of the

British Empire but of civilization," the speaker declared, "that the arrogant in of a single power to dominate the securies and development of Europe

GERMAN CORPS FIGHTS ALTHOUGH SURROUNDED

Refused Allies' Demand for Surrender, Says Report.

PARIS, Sept. 19 It is reported, but not officially that a German corps was surrounded by the allies on the Aisne River. The allies bent forward a flag of truce with a degive up and the fighting at point went on more flercely than

WEATHER FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-lientrully fair tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature; modtrate winds, mostly northeast.

TEMPERATURE Highest yesterday-88; time, 3 p. m. Lowest last night-47; time & u. m. Aur details, see prac 2

ADOLPH SEGAL AWAITS

of Purpose of Today's Auto Ride. Adolph Segal is still in ignorance today of the plans to confine him in the State Hospital for the Insane at Norristown. Two signatures of trustees to the commitment papers are all that remain to secured to make legal the transfer the one-time wizard of finance from private room at St. Joseph's Hospital to the institution for the insane. Jacob Liffman, from the law offices of Tustin & Chapman, at 1420 Chestnut street, started out this morning to obtain these signature, and Mr. Segal probably will be taken to Norristown this afternoon. He will be told when he leaves the hospital that he is to have an auto

mobile ride.

Berl Segal, his son, spent some time with Adolph Segal at St. Joseph's Hospital this morning. Physicians at the institution said that there had been little change in the financier's condition to-day. Last night he had a short lucid interval, but this did not continue for any

bond of \$500 required by the State for, patients admitted to the Norristown hos-pital will be filed today by Berl Segal. All other arrangements for the transfer

of Segal have been made.
Dr. William H. Bunn, of 528 North
Twenty-second street, the Segal family physician, suffered a slight stroke of apoplexy this morning that affected his vision and he will not be able to accompany his patient to Norristown. Dr. Bunn is about 65 years old. He has been Mr. Segal's physician for more than 15 years. He is one of the two physician's who officially certified to Mr. Segal's insanity, as required by law.

PLAYNG WITH MATCHES LITTLE GIRL IS BURNED

Condition.

As the result of being burned with matches, Martha Frain, 2702 Federal street, 5 years old, is in a serious condition in the Polyclinic Hospital today

Last evening the girl was playing with box of matches in the dlning room ot her home, when the box ignited and set fire to her clothing. Mrs. Frain, startled by the child's screams, found Martha enby the child's screams, found Martha en-veloped in flames when she reached the dining room. She picked her up and ran into the street, where she was seen by Policeman Murphy, of the 29th and Federal streets station. Murphy ran into the house, got a table cloth, threw it around the child and smothered the flames. The policeman pressed a passing automobile into service and rushed the child to the

RATS CAUSE \$10,000 FIRE

Gnaw Matches and Set Three Wyncote Buildings Ablaze.

rats gnawing matches, destroyed a stable and two garages in Wyncote, Pa., last night, causing damage estimated at \$10,-000. Two horses were burned to death. Great difficulty was experienced by firemen in extinguishing the flames because of the scant water supply.

The fire started in the coachman's room in the stable belonging to Edward E. Pennewill at 11:30 o'clock and later extended to the garages owned by Maurice J. Hoover and Albert Brown. An autowhich was in Hoover's garage was

Fire companies in seven nearby towns responded to calls for help. Included were Old York Road, Jenkintown, Abington, McKinley, La Mott and Edge Hill.

MARSEILLASE DEATH SONG OF GENERAL BATAILLE

"I Am Happy," Gasped French Hero Who Fell Leading His Troops.

PARIS, Sept. 19.

Details received concerning the death of General Batalile, whose loss was mentioned in yesterday's dispatches, showed that he died as an ideal soldier. He fell on September 8 after leading his men in the thick of the fight, cheering them on with word and action.

Belgadier Volteruit, of the Dragoons, cried as he fell mortally wounded by a fragment of shrapnel: "Viva la France!" To a Red Cross doctor he muttered: "I die for France and I die happy!" He tried feebly to sing the Marseillaise as he expired.

Another Frenchman mentioned for gallantry was Lieutenant Blanc, who was killed in battle on August 29.

Adjutant Dete, of the 69th French Infantry, led his section under the most violent fire. Finally all his men were killed or wounded. Then Adjutant Dete grabbed a gun and continued firing as he retired. A shell burst near him and he

Lieutenant Maquest, of the 258th Infantry reservists, also was mentioned for bravery. Although wounded, he continued the direction of his troops until all the other officers of his section had

Two explanations are offered for the great number of French officers killed: One is that the officers showed extraorlinary zeal, leading their mer hottest fire; another is that the Germans to leave the French troops leaderless.

BLACK SEA FLEET REPORTED

Said to Be Ready to Attack Turks But Ships May Be British.

NAPLES, Sept. 16. Officers of the steamship Pavignana reported today that the Russian Black Sea fleet of twenty units is cruising off the sive. entrance to the Dardanelles, ready to attack the Turkish squadron if its leaves

its harbor. It is improbable that the Russian fleet Hosphorus and the Dardanelles, but th station on the island of Lemnos

GERMANS OFFER VAST FRONT

Berlin Report Declares Army Extends Over 200 Kilometres. COPENHAGEN, Sept. 19.

A private dispatch from Berlin says that the Germans in France, like the Austrians in Galicia, are apread over a front of almost 200 kilometres. Reports from the west are still very scarce, and it is impossible to obtain a complete idea hencamen used revolvers in breaking up after door in the competitions bet of the entire estuation

PEACE PLAN BALKED BY MOOD OF ALLIES, Former Wizard of Finance Ignorant WASHINGTON LEARNS

King George's Address to Parliament Regarded as Meaning War to Finish. President Will Cease Overtures for Present.

oday in official circles is far from hopeful for an early mediation among the nations of war-torn Europe.

"Watchful waiting," President Wilson's policy in Mexico, has become his policy toward European peace. This became known officially today. From a source in closest touch with Wilson, It was learned his ambition now is for permanent peace, not alone in Europe but throughout the world.

He does not want a truce that would merely halt the fighting for a month of two, only to have it break out again more violently. His position was analyzed in the terse comment that he will not now put out to the country each morn ing peace "when it is not in the cards." That this Government has had indefi nite assurances that a truce might posbe possible now to have "a truce.

The address of King George to Parlia ment yesterday has strengthened the impression that England is not yet ready to entertain overtures. In his speech, read by deputy, the King stated:

Gentlemen of the House of Comthank you for the liberality with which you have met a great

emergency.
My Lords and Gentlemen, we are fighting for a worthy purpose and we shall not lay down our arms until that ournose has been fully achieved.

England's non-receptive attitude is confirmed by a cable which Ambassador Sir ecil Spring-Rice received from Sir Edward Grey, the British Minister of Foreor indirectly, from either Germany or Austria, and, therefore, was not in a pocition to consider terms of peace.

Russia, too, is at present opposed ewspapers express the Russian view that here can be no peace until the Kniser's Ministers appear at the tents of the allied mmanders and ask for terms. In an tterance yesterday, which was obviously inspired and bears the earmarks of Government decision, they declare that Russian diplomacy is fully in accord with that of the allies in the refusal to enter

into any negotiations. The activities of President Wilson in the rope in a mood to listen to peace prosals have come to a standstill. Whether the President will resume his

inquiries on the subject in the near future vill probably depend on developments. The Government, however, probably will seek to keep alive the movement for the report made by James W. Gerard, the merican Ambassador at Berlin, of his conversation with the Imperial Chancelwhich was initiated by the inquiry peror William had indicated that he was in favor of peace, to the British, French and Russian Governments. The transmission of the Gerard report to the allied overnments will be simply in the nature of a reminder that the United States will tles concerned whenever they reach the point of being willing to discuss terms for an amicable settlement.

BRITAIN FIRM.

The position of Great Britain was made clear in a conversation between Sir Edward Grey, the British Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Walter H. Page, the American Ambassador in London, in which the Cabinet officer said that Great Britain would consent only to a reach that would be permanent, and that one of the basic principles of any peace agreement must be solemn assurance, from Germany that reparation would be furnished to Beigium for the violation of her neutrality and the damage done

by the German troops.

It is known that the Administration is of encouraged over the outlook and is continue for a considerable period before President Wilson will be able, without giving offense, to make further advances. President Wilson has said that he regards the German Chancellor's comn cation to Ambassador Gerard as noncommittal.

For the present the peace movement ill be allowed to remain in statu quo. ince the transmission of the Chancellor's expressions to the allies' Governments is expected to bring forth nothing more substantial than a polite acknowledg-

BOMBARDMENT OF RHEIMS BY GERMANS, REPORTED

OFF THE DARDANELLES | Part of City Said to Be Burning. Teuton Centre Advancing.

PARIS, Sept. 19 Unofficial reports state that the Gernans are hombarding Rheims and that part of the city is burning. The German centre is taking the offen

BACHARACH MAN ACCUSED

Candidate Charges That Policemen and Saloonkeepers are Being Intimidated.

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 19.-Indicement of Lewis B. Glenn, Assistant Director of Public Safety, a Bacharach man, is threatened by ex-County Prosecutor Clarence L. Goldenberg, candidate for Recorder. Goldenberg charges that policemen and saloonkeepers are being forced to support the opposing slate by intimidation.

Prosecutor Charles S. Moore is investigating further charges that Bacharach enchmen used revolvers in breaking up

SHIPS RUSH TO ASSIST STEAMSHIP IN DISTRESS

Gale Endangers Boat in Storm Off

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 19.-Ships were in distress off the const south of the Co-

wireless from a Japanese cruiser, supposed to be the Idzumo. Early rumors heavy gale is blowing off the coast.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO PRAY FOR PEACE ON PARK PLATEAU

Religious Ceremony at Belmont Feature of 14th Annual Field Day of Pennsylvania Division, No. 1.

drawn swords glistening in the sun, several thousand Knights Templar of the Pennsylvania Division, No. 1, will be drawn up on Belmont Plateau this afternoon and offer prayer for the speedy reestablishment of peace on the war-swept Continent of Europe, in response to the proclamation of President Wilson asking the people of the United States to pray to God that He may turn the hearts of the warring millions from enmity, and friendship and brotherhood.

nual field day of the Knights Templar of the Pennsylvania Division. Fully 50,000 of the many thousands as they pray that the Prince of Peace may prevail upon the arms and melt their swords into scythes

and plowshares. Mayor Blankenburg, himself a Knight Templar: Governor Tener, R. E. Sir A. Howard Thomas, Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, and his staff, in addition to many other guests and prominent Knights Templar from New York, Baltimore, Pittsburgh and other cities, will attend the ceremony

commanderies of Philadelshia and vicinity which are to participate in the military review and prayer will assemble at the Masonic Temple at 1 o'clock, and from there be taken to Fair mount Park in special trains from Broad Street Station. After reaching the Beleffort to get the warring Powers in Eu- up in military formation and the ceremonies will be opened by the firing of salute to the national colors. The knights will then be drawn up for inspection and dress parade, preparatory to the main feature, the offering of the prayer. The dress parade is to be held in honor of Sir A. Howard Thomas, Grand Commander of Pennsylvania. Division Commander E. Sir Thomas Patton will lead the parade and head the picturesque columns during the inspection. He will be accompanied by the following staff, all of whom will e mounted: Eminent Sirs J. Henry Wil liams, Harry H. Heist, James D. Kelly John E. Wiley, James A. Parke, W. Free land Kendrick, Francis J. Callahan George J. Schaeffer, J. Waelder McMullen, Eugene J. McAleer, William H. Maeliffe, Robert G. Smith, August P. Kunzig, Wesley R. Boe, William D. Clouds George K. Richl, Samuel W. Mitchell Wesley R. Morgan, Vincent Saull, Ernest F. Apeldorn, Burd P. Evans, Louis U. Strassburger, Leslie J. Pyle and Charles

The knights will be under the command of Sir Knight James Robinson rinthian Commandery, as field adjutant,

GERMANS HEMMED IN **NEAR CHATEAU-THIERRY**

Soissons Report Indicates Farther Advance of Centre Than Paris

Admitted. LONDON, Sept. 19. The correspondent of the Daily Tele-

graph at Soisaons, telegraphing by way of Paris, says: "It is reported that a German force

with a general in command has been surrounded in the forest near Chateau-Thierry. "The allies are now massing enermours

hodies of troops and everything points to the probability of one of the bloodiest battles of the campaign." Chateau Thierry is 55 miles southwest of Rheims. If this dispatch is true, it shows that the German center has ad-

announcement given out in Paris ad-FREDERICKS OFFERS MEN

vanced much farther than the official

Lord Kitchener Informed That South African Troops Are Ready. JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Sep.

Commandant Fredericks, who was i charge of a Scandinavian contingent durng the Bosr war, today cabled Lord port 1000 picked troopers to the front at

STOWE SCHOOL GARDEN BEST Sun Dial Given as First Prize by Judges' Committee.

Pollowing the inspection of ten publi school gardens in this city yesterday afternoon, the committee of judges awarded the first prize, a sun dial, to the Stowe School garden, located at 70th street and Woodland Woodland avenue.

Honorable mention was given the South

wark School, at Ninth and Mifflin streets while awards consisting of trees, abrubs, bulbs and the like will be aunounced this aftersions in the competitions between the

The War Today

Allied and German armies have renewed the terrific battle along the 120-mile front, north of the Aisne River, the Germans concentrating allies' line. The invaders plan by this means to relieve General vor

Losses of approximately 150,000 are es

Germans, and it is said part of the

In East Prussian campaign Berlin re-Hindenburg's army from Lyck to invade Russian Poland, with Osowiec a strongly fortified strategic point as the immediate, and Warsaw as the Austrians in Galicia.

troops and officially reports the rout

dence in the outcome and states that ment of the war says: "Military op-

main attack on Przemysł awaits the arrival of Russian siege guns. confidence in the outcome of the struggle along the line, but admit rific. British forces repulsed ten attempts of the Germans to assault their positions by night.

Italy is the scene of popular demon strations against the Government's neutrality. The Russian and German Ambassadors have engaged in an undiplomatic war of words in the effort to enlist Italy's aid. The Germans have distributed broadcast a pamphlet urging Italians - stand by the Triple Alliance and "win with

Washington officials were somewhat discouraged over prospects of mediation, the marlike attitude of the allies strongly indicating that efforts or years at this time were futile

HINDENBERG AGGRESSIVE: ADVANCING INTO POLAND

Warsaw Objective of Campaign and Aid in Galicia Will Follow.

BERLIN, Sept. 13 Following up his success against the Russian armies in East Prussia, General on Hindenburg is invading Russian

The following statement on his operaions was issued today: The German East Army continues its operations in the district about Sawaiki, Russian Poland. The army

is now advancing on the fortress at Ceawiec. 15 kilometers (28 miles) southeast of Lock, on the railroad be-Osowiec is one of the strongest ortresses in Russian Poland. It is a strategic point because the River Biehran

r Robe and cannot be crossed at any other

coint by an army on account of the

great swamps bying along its course

The capture of Osowier Will have to be attained before General von Hindenburg can advance. Osowiec is about 100 miles northeast of Warsaw. If it falls into German hands ts captors would be able to strike from there against Warsaw and the right wing

GERMANS RIGHT HOLDS FIRM

Berlin Newspaper Reports Failures of Allies, Flank Attack COPENHAGEN, Sept. 19.

ending in Galicia.

The Tageblatt of Berlin says that is evident that the English and French armies have not sofar succeeded in their enveloping movement around the Ger-man right, while the Germans have made some successful maneuvers at

GERMANS HAMMER CENTRE TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON RIGHT

Fierce Onslaught By Teutons In Mammoth Array Opens Seventh Day of Combat. Determined Assault Made to Force Back Advancing English.

Paris Reports Slow Advance, But Admits No Marked Change in Lines of Conflict Along Aisne-Reinforcements Rushed to Contending Armies.

rench War Office announces satisfac- the Suippe River, east by northeast

in intensity, but the allied lines are and the British and French an lord slowly being pushed forward, accord- concentrated against them, comit ing to reports received by General Galpositions constructed in the rear of the hidden batteries being discostheir original ones as the pressure in- the Germans used smokeless powder creased. But at no point have they

actually been defeated. being brought to bear to demolish the reports reaching here. It was kept up a coming charge from the German

The German assaults of the last five dozen points on the centre they have fensive. Division after division has assault. been burled forward on masse, only to

As a result at a number of points | Aisne. ground has been guined, as the German soldiers do not relish the bayonet inforced and at certain points the dorfighting. But the main German entrenchments, except on the extreme left, remain intact, as their artillery front are supposed to be part of the

Additional reinforcements have been at top speed.

sent forward to the left. The general situation, as described in the first off-

In order to prevent the locati H their cannon.

Some of the trenches are half Along the rest of the line the great of water from the heavy rains, and i battle continues as an artillery duel, troops are soaked through and There has been almost no fighting by through. The soggy condition of the the infantry for 36 hours, both sides clay soil is impeding the work of digrealizing the futility of sacrificing men ging fresh trenches, but the German while the entrenched positions remain soldiers are held to this task, and intact. Consequently every effort is night and day the labor goes forward. These lines are being constructed all German batteries. The French ar- along the front. They are covered tillery fire is increasing in intensity with screens to protect the soldiers all along the line, according to the from shrapnel, and at intervals plaall night and there are indications of to sweep the ranks of the French and British if they should try to capture

the German batteries by storm. The French and English also are days have been tremendous. At a building redoubts, although there seems little chance of the entire right wing of the Germans attempting an

It is the opinion of many military be shattered by the allies' shell fire men here that the only places where and forced to give ground. And every the Germans have moved forward from time the German lines have shown their trenches to charge the allies are signs of wavering the allies have been points where the allies have succeeded

The German line has again been remans outnumber the allies. The free's troops which have just reached the three corps under General von Boehn, which were rushed through Belgium

FRENCH LINES WEAKENING GERMAN WAR OFFICE STATES

BERLIN, Sept. 19.

The German General Staff today announced confidence in the outcome of the forces that General Ruzsky is the great battle in France, and that the operations of the treops in the East were resulting favorably. The statement follows:

The German armies in France are steadily growing stronger. The advance on Paris was too rapid to admit of ammunition and provisions in sufficient quantities being sent to the troops. This has now been remedied by an adjustment of the lines of communica-

The efficacy of the new arrangements has been demonstrated at the centre of the German front, where a steady advance is being made

The French are showing signs of weakness. Apparently they have been unable to fill their depleted ranks, whereas our forces are being steadily augmented by fresh troops in the battle between the Olse and Meuse Rivers.

It was explained that the German lines have been extended at certain points and now include the original French lines. The battle, however, is especied to last for several days be-